

Planning Your Course Schedule

General advice for first-semester students:

- 12-18 credits is considered “full-time”
- If you plan to work 25+ hours a week at your job, keep your credit load below 15
- Take whatever English and Math classes you placed into on the placement tests
- Takes courses that fulfill different degree requirements (FA, HU, NS/MS/LS, SS, AP, IS, ES). See the Course Schedule for this information.
- Spread your classes out a little, leaving breaks in-between when possible

Learning Communities

One way to make your scheduling easier is to enroll in a Learning Community.

A Learning Community is a cluster of three or four courses focused on a theme. Not only do Learning Communities make scheduling easier, students have the advantage of studying the same topic in depth and working with the same group of students and professors all semester. For a detailed explanation see the “First-Year Seminar” handout.

An example of a 14-credit schedule using a Learning Community—“Pi in the Sky: Perspectives from Astronomy and Philosophy” (PHI 101, AST 105, LEC 100)

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		7:45 - 9:00		7:45 - 9:00	
8:00-8:50					
9:00-9:50	MAT 110	9:10 - 10:25 PHI 101 (HU/IS)	MAT 110	9:10 - 10:25 PHI 101 (HU/IS)	MAT 110
10:00-10:50	ENG 102	10:35 - 11:50	ENG 102	10:35 - 11:50	ENG 102
11:00-11:50					
12:00-12:50					
1:00-1:50		1:00 - 2:15 AST 105 (NS/LS/IS)		1:00 - 2:15 AST 105 (NS/LS/IS)	
2:00-2:50		2:25 - 3:40 LEC 100 (IS)		2:25 - 5:00 AST 100 Lab	
3:00-3:50					
4:00 - 4:50		3:50 - 5:05		3:50 - 5:05	
5:00 and after					

(over)

Sample schedule without a Learning Community (16 credits total)

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		7:45 - 9:00		7:45 - 9:00	
8:00-8:50		MLG 100 (NS)		MLG 100 (NS)	
9:00-9:50	ENG 101	9:10 - 10:25	ENG 101	9:10 - 10:25	ENG 101
10:00-10:50					
11:00-11:50	MAT 105	10:35 - 11:50 MUS 173 (FA)	MAT 105	10:35 - 11:50 MUS 173 (FA)	MAT 105
12:00-12:50					
1:00-1:50	LEC 100 1:00-2:15	1:00 - 2:15		1:00 - 2:15	
2:00-2:50	ANT 100 2:25-3:40 (SS)	2:25 - 3:40	ANT 100 2:25-3:40 (SS)	2:25 - 3:40	
3:00-3:50					
4:00 - 4:50		3:50 - 5:05		3:50 - 5:05	
5:00 and after					

Now build your own... (refer to course schedule for times/days)

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		7:45 - 9:00		7:45 - 9:00	
8:00-8:50					
9:00-9:50		9:10 - 10:25		9:10 - 10:25	
10:00-10:50					
11:00-11:50		10:35 - 11:50		10:35 - 11:50	
12:00-12:50					
1:00-1:50		1:00 - 2:15		1:00 - 2:15	
2:00-2:50		2:25 - 3:40		2:25 - 3:40	
3:00-3:50					
4:00 - 4:50		3:50 - 5:05		3:50 - 5:05	
5:00 and after					